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LOUISIANA TIMBER CUTTINGS

	SAWTIMBER	PULPWOOD
FIVE YEAR AVERAGE (1981-85)	1,289,712,836	4,548,171
1983, TOTAL	1,262,824,854	3,926,905
1984, TOTAL	2,057,398,936	7,279,230
1985, TOTAL	1,217,605,133	4,129,830

MARKET SUMMARY, FIRST QUARTER, 1986

Stumpage prices paid for pine sawtimber during the first quarter of 1986 averaged \$101.68 per thousand board feet. This price is a simple average comparison and is 3 percent higher than the previous quarter price and a 32 percent decrease compared to a year ago. Prices paid for hardwoods during the first quarter of 1986 averaged \$55.57 which is 1 percent higher than the fourth quarter of 1985 and 12 percent lower than a year ago.

Pulpwood stumpage prices averaged \$13.35 for pine and \$5.73 for hardwoods respectively.

Pulp Chips averaged \$20.50 per ton for pine and \$14.50 for hardwoods F.O.B. Sawmill.

During the first quarter of 1986 there were no sales reported for Kisatchie National Forest due to destruction caused by the Southern Pine Beetle.

SOUTHERN PINE BEETLE

Updated 1985 figures indicate 22,650 spots (infestations) still active around the state with large quantities being in Natchitoches, Sabine, DeSoto and Red River Parishes. There are 50,000 cords or 254,000,000 board feet of infested pine has been marketed in 1985. This is 4 times the total harvest of the previous 13 years (71-84).

Although discounts are given to infected wood, a cut and salvage operation is advised. If salvaging is unwise due to location of spot or small numbers of trees, cut and buffer zone is advisable. Buffer zones should equal the average height of dominant tree in stand. This is recommended only on small spots and also if wood is salvaged for sale.

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AVERAGE PRICES PAID TO LOUISIANA TIMBER PRODUCERS BY TYPES OF INDUSTRIES
JANUARY-MARCH, 1986, WITH COMPARISONS

Forest Service Sales are excluded from the following reported prices

							STATE AVERAGES		
							JAN.-	PREV. YEAR	
SAWTIMBER, STUMPAGE	AREA 1	AREA 2	AREA 3	AREA 4	AREA 5	MAR.	QUARTER	AGO	
Pine M.Bd.Ft.	\$104.51	1/	\$110.82	\$104.57	1/	101.68	98.75	148.84	
Cypress "	1/	83.33	1/	1/	1/	77.00	78.75	75.00	
Oaks "	1/	86.67	1/	1/	1/	66.56	63.00	67.00	
Gums "	1/	48.33	1/	1/	1/	54.58	56.67	59.00	
Willows "	1/	50.00	1/	1/	1/	48.75	36.00	44.50	
Ash "	1/	116.67	1/	1/	1/	97.00	108.33	1/	
Cottonwoods "	1/	51.67	1/	1/	1/	48.00	39.33	44.50	
Mx. Hardwoods "	54.34	66.84	56.62	1/	1/	55.57	54.80	62.84	

SAWTIMBER, (DELIVERED)

Pine M.Bd.Ft.	169.50	1/	176.00	181.00	1/	171.09	170.37	210.00	
Cypress "	1/	173.33	1/	1/	1/	168.00	176.00	158.75	
Oaks "	1/	171.67	1/	1/	1/	164.17	156.00	173.00	
Gums "	1/	133.33	1/	1/	1/	143.33	143.75	158.00	
Willows "	1/	135.00	1/	1/	1/	131.67	123.75	141.66	
Ash "	1/	206.67	1/	1/	1/	188.00	188.00	1/	
Cottonwoods "	1/	136.67	1/	1/	1/	129.00	126.25	141.66	
Mx. Hardwoods "	136.67	154.17	1/	1/	1/	135.94	136.36	130.00	

PULPWOOD (PER CORD)

Pine, Stumpage	14.39	1/	12.81	1/	1/	13.35	12.45	17.02	
Pine, F.O.B. Car	24.43	1/	1/	1/	1/	23.68	41.00	1/	
Hardwood, Mixed	4.60	1/	5.34	1/	1/	5.73	4.20	4.46	
Stumpage									
Hardwood, Mixed	19.37	1/	1/	1/	1/	22.94	35.31	1/	

POLES, BARKY (FOB PLANT OR CONCENTRATION POINT) - EACH -

PRICES INCLUDE PRODUCTION COSTS

STATE AVERAGES

	JANUARY-MARCH	PREVIOUS QUARTER	FIRST QUARTER, 1986
30-Ft. Class 5	16.72	14.97	14.01
" Class 6	13.89	12.47	11.33
" Class 7	11.53	1/	1/
35-Ft. Class 4	1/	21.24	20.76
" Class 5	21.75	18.80	17.95
" Class 6	18.39	15.98	14.78
40-Ft. Class 3	38.49	34.45	31.66
" Class 4	32.17	30.63	27.31
" Class 5	27.66	23.68	22.86
45-Ft. Class 2	1/	42.37	1/
" Class 3	43.23	36.68	1/
" Class 4	39.37	32.29	31.66
" Class 5	34.47	27.67	27.16
50-Ft. Class 2	61.05	49.51	51.76
" Class 3	53.48	48.93	44.31
" Class 4	46.47	38.12	37.86
55-Ft. Class 2	72.23	60.14	1/
" Class 3	62.65	60.30	1/
" Class 4	54.37	45.50	1/

1/ = insufficient number of quotes to report.

NOTE: The Doyle Log Scale is basis for board feet measurement.